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## NEWS

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## **GOAT SEASON CLOSURE**

### **Horn Mountain, Thunder Mountain, LeConte Bay and Wilkes Range Area of Unit 1(B)**

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Petersburg is announcing an early closure of the goat hunting season in that portion of Unit 1(B) located within the drainages of Horn Mountain, Thunder Mountain, LeConte Bay and the Wilkes Range. Based on aerial survey data biologists established a guideline harvest objective of 10 points (5-10 goats) for this area. By Monday, 21 November, the reported harvest of goats in the described area was up to 4 billies and 3 nannies, for a total of 10 points. Any additional harvest in this hunt area would be detrimental to the long-term stability of the population. In response to the guideline harvest level being reached, the decision was made to issue an emergency order (01-07-05) closing the goat season in this portion of hunt area RG-004 at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, 22 November 2005.

Goat hunting in the remainder of Unit 1(B) is unaffected by this emergency order, and will remain open until December 31, unless a subsequent emergency order is issued closing additional areas.

Hunters with questions about mountain goat hunting in Game Management Unit 1(B) can contact the Petersburg Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game @ 907-772-3801.